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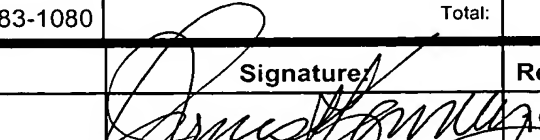
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Transmitted herewith is a patent application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Entitled: FLOOR COVERING, FLOOR PANEL AND SET OF FLOOR PANELS FOR FORMING SUCH FLOOR COVERING AND METHODS FOR THE PACKAGING AND MANUFACTURING OF SUCH FLOOR PANELS

- ☒ 1. Submitted herewith are the following:
- 24 pages of specification.
  - ☒ Abstract.
  - 4 sheet(s) of drawings.
  - 23 claim(s).
  - ☒ Oath/Declaration signed by each inventor.
  - ☒ Application Data Sheet.
  - ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
  - ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s).
  - 1 pages of Form PTO-1449, and one copy of each document listed thereon.
  - 0 Assignment of the invention, Cover Sheet, and payment of the \$ \_\_\_\_\_ recordal fee.
  - ☒ certified copy of application no. 2003/0020 filed in Belgium. Priority is claimed.
  - ☒ certified copy of provisional application no. 60/438,781 filed January 9, 2003.
  - ☒ check in the amount of \$ 824.00 including any assignment recordal fee.
- ☐ 2. SMALL ENTITY STATUS IS ASSERTED pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27 for this application.
- ☒ 3. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.
- ☐ 4. Insert before the first sentence of the specification: -- This application claims the benefit of provisional application number \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_. --
- ☐ 5. Insert before the first sentence of the specification: -- This application is a Continuation-in-part of nonprovisional application number \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_. --
- ☐ 6. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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